Principle: Encapsulation

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Session
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Network
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4 Layer Model

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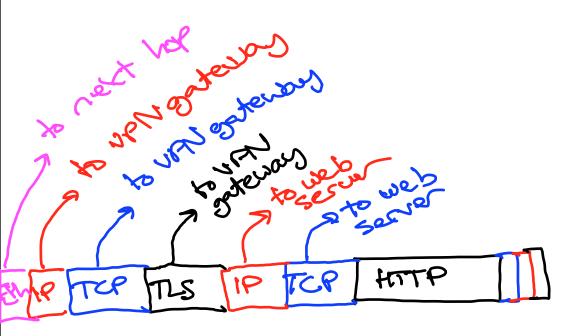
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Encapsulation Flexibility



- Encapsulation allows you to layer recursively
- Example: Virtual Private Network (VPN):
 - ► HTTP (web) application payload in
 - ► a TCP transport segment in
 - ▶ an IP network packet in
 - ► a secured TLS presentation message in
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 - ▶ an IP network packet in
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Layer 7
Layer 6
Layer 5
Layer 4
Layer 3
Layer 2
Layer I

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- Encapsulated payloads
 - ► Help separation of concerns
 - ► Help enforce boundaries/layering
 - ► Simplify layer implementations